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Republican State Convention.

A republican state convention, to nominate candidates for state officers, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at Powers Opera House, in the city of Grand Rapids, commencing at 3 o'clock, p. m., on Wednesday, the 25th day of August, 1886.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at Grand Rapids, May 19th, 1878, every county will be entitled to one delegate for each 500 of the total vote cast for governor, at the last state election in 1884, and one additional delegate for every fraction of 500 votes, but each organized county will be entitled to at least one delegate. Under a resolution of 1885, no delegate will be entitled to a seat who does not reside in the county he proposes to represent. In accordance with a resolution adopted at a meeting of the state convention, at Detroit, June 23d, 1885, the secretary of each county convention is requested to forward to the secretary of the state central committee, by the earliest mail, after the delegates to the state convention are chosen, a certified list of such delegates as are entitled to sit in the state convention.

Under the above call Van Buren County is entitled to fifteen delegates.

PHILIP T. VAN ZILE, Chairman.

A. W. SMITH, Secretary.

Senatorial Convention.

A republican convention for the nomination of a candidate for state senator for the tenth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Allegan and Van Buren, will be held at the Court House, in the village of Allegan, on Wednesday, September 8, 1886, at 11 o'clock a. m. The apportionment of delegates to this convention will be the same as that fixed for the state convention, viz: Allegan 17, Van Buren 15.

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Republican Senatorial Com.

How pleasant it is to see political brethren dwell together in harmony—the Wayne County democracy for instance.

Candidates for county offices begin to materialize quite rapidly. They should improve their time, as the convention will probably be held about the ninth day of September.

DON M. DICKINSON, the great democratic dictator of Michigan seems to be losing his grip. If he don't strengthen his entrenchments, WM. C. Maybury him out of sight. En-right it would be, too.

CHAIRMAN FULLER of the greenbackers, is mellowing down on the fusion question. By the time the double-headed convention meets, he will be ready to take his medicine without even making a wry face.

SOME democrats are talking about "that boy from Mendon" as the fusion nominee for governor of Michigan. He would, doubtless, be a good nominee, but as he would be badly left when election day comes, it is useless to speculate upon his qualifications for governor.

DURING the closing hours of congress, Senator RIDDLEBERGER of Virginia, made a shameful spectacle of himself by appearing in his seat drunk—as usual. Such things are a disgrace to the Nation and the senate would honor itself and the people by the prompt expulsion of any member who thus disgraces himself and his constituents.

THE United States senate seems to have a prejudice against President CLEVELAND's Michigan appointees. Collector BANCROFT, Postmaster SANFORD of Lansing, and Postmaster PORTER of Dowagiac, have been added to the list of rejections. It must be that Michigan democrats are a hard lot or else the president has been peculiarly unfortunate in his selections.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND vetoed one hundred and thirteen bills during the recent session of congress, four more than the entire number vetoed by all his predecessors from the foundation of government to the beginning of the last session. He is entitled to the champion belt. Only one hundred and two of the vetoed bills were for the relief of old soldiers and their families.

SENATOR PALMER could find ample opportunity to push the Detroit public building bill through a republican senate, but Representative MAYBURY could not even "catch the speaker's eye" in a democratic house. Mr. MAYBURY may not have been responsible for the failure of the bill, but it will not add to his popularity in Wayne County nor increase his chances of a re-election.

THE Kalamazoo Herald, free trade, says editorially that "a wooden man would be of more value to the country in his seat in congress than SAMUEL J. RANDALL." Poor SAM is having a hard time of it among his democratic confederates, and all because he believes an American is just as good and perhaps a little better than a foreigner, and should be entitled to the preference of his own home market.

CONGRESS adjourned on Thursday last, and now the representatives and senators are at home looking after their broken fences. If we mistake not, many of them will find gaps that are past mending. The country will breathe freer, however, since the adjournment. The people had rather their representatives were engaged in the laudable occupation of fence mending than to have them experimenting at legislation.

By the passage of the oleomargarine bill, the manufacture and sale of that article is brought under government control and subject to government inspection. The tax imposed is not large enough to cripple the industry nor to materially decrease its production, but it must henceforth stand on its own merits. It must be branded, and sold for what it really is and not for what it is not. If the success of the manufacturers of and dealers in butterine, oleomargarine, etc., depended on their being able to deceive the consumer and to dispose of their goods as the genuine product of the dairy, then their business ought to be suppressed; but, on the other hand, if their goods are meritorious, let them be sold on their merits, and being compelled so to sell them can work no injustice to anyone.

The great democratic circus of Michigan depends entirely on its annexes to draw a crowd. The performance in the main tent has become so stale that it has ceased to be attractive. Even the semi-annual stirring up of the animals has lost its interest. Were it not for the prohibition and greenback side shows there would not be enough left to make a street parade for the boys.

ONE of the promises of the democratic party was to reduce the surplus. Instead of a reduction, there has been an increase. The Morrison surplus resolution was passed to compel such reduction, but it failed to become a law for lack of the president's signature. So this democratic administration can continue to pile up money in the vaults of the treasury, instead applying it where it should be applied, to the extinguishment of the public debt.

The republican senatorial convention for the 10th senatorial district will be held at Allegan on Wednesday, Sept. 8th. Probably all the Van Buren delegates will have to do will be to ratify the choice of Allegan County. Van Buren has had the senatorship for four years and it is but right that Allegan should name the candidate for the next two terms. If the candidate she may designate shall fill the office with as much honor to himself and as great a degree of credit to his constituents as has Hon. CHARLES J. MONROE, the people of the tenth district will have no cause for complaint. The only man we have heard mentioned in connection with the nomination is Bro. HENDERSON of the Allegan Journal and Tribune.

COMMENTING on the action of the parties who invited President CLEVELAND to attend the National encampment of the G. A. R., at San Francisco and, at the same time, sent him a grand army badge to be worn by him, the Indianapolis Times very appropriately and pertinently remarks:

"This is contemptible toadyism. What right has President CLEVELAND to wear a G. A. R. badge? His record during the war was that of a young, able-bodied, single man, who did not enlist, but when drafted, hired a substitute. No man with such a record can wear a G. A. R. badge. It would be a piece of unpardonable presumption, even in a president, to do it under such circumstances. If the president had by honorable service won a G. A. R. badge, he would not now be engaged in vetoing pension bills. If it had not been for those 'vile guns,' he might have been a soldier. When it comes to his wearing a G. A. R. badge, the Grand Army of the Republic will issue its veto. There are no *ex post facto* soldiers in the Grand Army."

The refusal of the proprietors of several of the leading hotels of Detroit to receive colored men as guests on the occasion of the recent assemblage of colored Knights Templar is a relic of the old ante bellum race prejudice, and reflects no credit on the proprietors of those hostilities. The excuse rendered for such refusal, that they were already full, is regarded as decidedly too thin. A great degree of indignation is manifested at this action, and a good deal of talk is heard about applying to the courts for redress. It cost an immense amount of blood and treasure to establish the equality before the law of our colored fellow citizens and it would seem as though everyone should know, by this time, that a black man is entitled to the same privileges as a man who wears a white skin.

The democratic party has been peculiarly unfortunate in the recent loss of so many of its acknowledged leaders. HENDRICKS, SEYMOUR, KELLY, THOMPSON, TILDEN, all are dead. Considering the evenly balanced condition of the two great political parties, the death of these men can but prove a great misfortune to the party in power, and especially to the democracy of New York, of which state all of the above named illustrious men, except Vice President HENDRICKS, were citizens. TILDEN, SEYMOUR and HENDRICKS were recognized as great National leaders of their party, while as local leaders and organizers, KELLY and THOMPSON had no superiors, and, perhaps, no equals. There are, at the present time, no men in the ranks of the democratic party, who can successfully fill the vacancy caused by the death of these men.

WAYNE County papers are not usually behind the press of other cities in boasting of the increasing wealth, population and prosperity of the beautiful "City of the Straits," but, as the time for the meeting of the state board of equalization approaches, with one accord they begin to plead poverty and to insist that Detroit is not such a very wealthy city after all, and that she has to bear more than her fair share of the burdens of state taxation, and they are using every possible effort and making use of every plausible argument to have the valuation of Wayne County reduced, as compared with the rest of the state. Representatives of the agricultural counties will need to be on their guard, as Wayne is prepared to make a vigorous fight on this matter. Supervisor KILLBEE of Bloomingdale, is Van Buren's representative, and he is entirely competent to look after her interests before the equalizing board. If our county does not get what is right, it will not be because Mr. KILLBEE does not do his duty in the premises.

EX-JUSTICE O. W. POWERS, recently of Utah, now of Kalamazoo, a few days since, published in the Salt Lake Tribune a lengthy open letter addressed to Ex-Justice T. M. COOLEY and Justice T. R. SHERWOOD of the Michigan supreme court, regarding their action in opposing his conformation as associate justice of the Utah supreme court. The letter is a vindictive personal attack upon Messrs. COOLEY and SHERWOOD, and makes little or no attempt to answer the charges preferred against Mr. POWERS by his

democratic brethren of his own city, for the purpose of preventing his confirmation by the United States senate. This matter is, and has been, mainly a democratic fight and republicans are very willing to let the warfare wage. Mr. POWERS concludes his tirade against the two eminent jurists, whom he seems to hold principally responsible for his political misfortunes, in the following language: "It is no more than fair that I say to you both that henceforth I shall camp on your trails." Mr. POWERS first camping ground—Salt Lake City—is, to say the least, some distance from the aforesaid trails; perhaps, however, he will bivouac nearer by when he next pitches his tent.

Death of Samuel J. Tilden.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN, the sage of Gramercy Park, the great leader of the democratic party, passed peacefully away on the morning of the 4th inst., at his residence—Greystone—on the Hudson. His death, which was occasioned by heart difficulty, although sudden, can hardly be said to have been unexpected. He has been, for years, in feeble health, and his intimate friends have long known that his time was limited and that his death might occur at any time.

For many years, Mr. TILDEN has been recognized as pre-eminently the leader of the democratic party, standing far above any and all of the prominent men of the country who have been or who are identified with that party, and his death creates a vacancy that no living man is qualified to fill. He has done far more, during the last decade, to reorganize the democratic party and to infuse life and vigor into its ranks than any other man, and it is to him the party owes the degree of success that it has achieved. But it is not only the democratic party that will suffer by the death of Mr. TILDEN, for, notwithstanding the fact that he was a thorough partisan, he was a lover of his country and her interests and prosperity were ever near his heart, and all the people of the country have cause to mourn his loss.

It is true that his intense partisanship led him to sometimes undertake, or at least to sanction, reprehensible political practices. Especially was this the case in the great contest of 1876, when large sums of money were attempted to be corruptly used in his behalf, to thwart the result of that election after it had been judicially determined by a court created expressly for that purpose; but the American people will be more prone to remember him for the good he has done than for the evil he failed to accomplish. America has produced but few men who have left a greater impress on the affairs of the country than Mr. TILDEN. The deceased statesman had passed the three score and ten years allotted to man, being at the time of his death, in his 73d year. Truly, a great man has fallen; peace to his ashes.

Political Prohibitionists.

The bare mention of local option is sufficient to make a Michigan third party prohibitionist fairly boil over, and yet they are extremely fond of telling people about the success of prohibition in the state of Georgia. It has been remarkably successful in that state and the NORTHERNER rejoices that it is so and would be pleased were it the same success in every state in the Union; and yet, strange as it may appear, this desirable result in Georgia came about through the practical application of this very doctrine of local option, and through that alone. The political prohibitionists had nothing whatever to do with it. Indeed, there are no such people in that state. Sr. JONAS, the great third party leader, did not have a corporal's guard, only 168 votes in the entire state, at the last election. Prohibition was never, in any sense, a party issue there. Nor has prohibition ever yet been brought about, in any state, by the efforts of the prohibition party, nor is it likely to be. Michigan prohibitionists talk and act as though they would have succeeded in winning a brilliant temperance victory if they could only accomplish the defeat of the republican party and place the democratic party in power, a party that is, in its platforms, plainly and outspokenly opposed to all sumptuary laws, which means, in plain English, opposition to prohibition or restraint of the liquor traffic in any form whatever. To be sure, that party is just now busily engaged in patting the third party on its diminutive back; and why? Simply because it realizes that it can be used as a tool to aid it in its vain attempt to overthrow the republican party. The leaders of the so-called prohibition party exhibit a greater desire for glory than for good, their arguments have more sound than sense and the course pursued by them manifests more partisanship than principle.

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